



REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

10:00 AM –11:30 AM

MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER: 10:03 AM
- MINUTES of September 2011 were distributed and approved by consensus subject to correction via e-mail.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
 - **NOFA update** – Peggy Goldstein provided a summary of the 2011 CoC Supportive Housing application. This year was the first application for the merged CoC. The NOFA was released on August 30th with a deadline for submittal of Oct 28th.

As agreed in September, RCCC members conducted an electronic vote regarding the results of the rating and review. The vote endorsed all projects selected by the rating and review process for inclusion in the application above the 80% consensus level.

The CoC application was submitted on October 26th for a total of \$15,828,540. These funds support 52 renewal projects (42 Supportive Housing, 10 Shelter Plus Care) and 4 new submittals (two bonus projects, 1 prorata share project, and one regional HMIS enhancement grant). The application supports 2,818 beds (1,251 in the county jurisdiction, and 1,567 in the City of San Diego). The estimated cost per bed including housing, services, operations and administration is: Annual \$5,618.94 which is \$468.08 per month or \$15.60 per night. These figures do not include approximately 25% in required matching funds.

- The application Exhibit I data reflects successful achievement on 4 of the 5 national CoC goals:

Category	Goal	Actual	Outcome
Chronic homeless beds	393	433	Exceeded goal by 40 beds (80%)
Permanent Housing Stability	77%	88%	Exceeded goal by 11%
Employment Income at exit	30%	30%	Met Goal
<i>Decrease</i> family homelessness	310	196	Exceeded reduction goal
Exit to Permanent Housing	59%	51%	Did not achieve either local or national goal.

Although progress was relatively successful in 2010-11 some recent HUD changes challenge the CoC for 2011-12. For example, in prior years, exit to permanent housing was measured based on the adult head of household. This year, the measure includes all persons in the household which means households with multiple family members have a greater impact on the success ratio. The rules also change to measure increased income at exit rather than simply having employment income at exit. HUD's data systems are clearly becoming more interconnected making it critical to have complete and accurate data.

- **AHAR, APR, and HIC readiness** – Pat Leslie emphasized the importance of data by reporting on the data for three essential reports: AHAR, APR and HIC. The data contained in these reports have substantial impact on the CoC application, Inconsistency in data was evident when compiling data for the CoC SHP application. In several cases data reported in one report did not match data in either of the other reports and in some cases the data reported was not possible (for example a total of 2 people were served in the program but 3 people increased their income. With the automated APR now in E-snaps, program capacity on the HIC and performance data in the APR can be readily compared and assessed. The APR pre-populates information from other reports and cannot be adapted by the agency. This heightens the importance of data accuracy
- **Review of the Universal Data Elements** heightened concerns about data quality. Some programs are missing 30-60% of the data in some of the *required* data fields. There are only a limited number of required UDE fields, so failure to meet the standard raises concern. Domestic violence shelters have different data collection rules that the programs must adhere to. The CoC was advised that we were only able to meet the federal standard for data submission because some of the larger capacity programs and programs serving high number of clients during the year have excellent data quality that off-sets the data gaps from smaller programs.
- **November meeting agenda:** There will be a special presentation from Rene Santiago of HHSA about Low Income the Health Program during the November 29th meeting. RCCC members were encouraged to attend.
- **SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS**
 - **HIC - PITC Planning** – Kat Alexander: The 2012 HIC and PITC processes are approaching. Agencies are encouraged to enter and changed in their Housing Inventory Count (HIC) into the system. The HIC needs to be accurate in order to generate reliable AHAR and PITC data. AHAR data is due to HUD in November and the PITC is planned for January 27th. Accurate data and many volunteers are needed. Agencies needing training or assistance can contact KAT at the Regional Task Force.
 - **Legislative Committee** – Rosemary Johnston, Kathi Houck (excerpts from written and verbal report)

Federal report: NAEH recommends that the federal government's long-standing, bipartisan commitment to ending homelessness by:

- Preventing further cuts in discretionary spending for affordable housing and targeted homelessness programs;
- Protecting [Medicaid](#)
- Elected officials need to recognize that homeless assistance programs are a very small part of the federal budget and are critical to the many Americans struggling to find affordable housing;
- Targeted homelessness assistance programs help people stabilize in housing, gain independence, re-enter the workforce, and create more opportunities for their children;
- Key safety net programs like [TANF](#) and SSI provide income, employment, and other supports to low-income people, play a key role in efforts to prevent and end homelessness for the most vulnerable Americans.

Congressional Hearings and Legislation:

The Senate is considering legislation that combines **three appropriations measures**, including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (T-HUD) appropriations bill. The T-HUD portion of the Senate bill, S. 1596, would underfund the four main programs serving extremely low income households: Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Project Based Rental Assistance, Public Housing, and Homeless Assistance Grants. The bill would also make cuts to numerous other critical HUD programs.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports that the **Senate is ready to pass bill cutting HUD Funding by 10%**. The Senate is debating the FY12 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (T-HUD) appropriations bill, S. 1596, right now. They are expected to vote on this bill, which has been merged into a “minibus” with the FY12 appropriations bills for Agriculture, Rural Housing, and Food and Drug Administration (H.R. 2111) and Commerce, Justice, and Science (H.R. 2596) immanently. The T-HUD bill would not provide enough funding to maintain all tenant based vouchers in use and to renew all project based rental assistance contracts. The Senate T-HUD bill, S. 1596, would cut HUD funding by 10% below the FY11 level.

2009 Law Protects Renters in Foreclosure. The Federal Protections for Renters in Foreclosure became Law on May 20, 2009. There is a great [Toolkit for Advocates and Tenants](#) for resources to ensure the new law is followed in your community, and a [webinar](#) describing the new law, **both of which can be found at** <http://www.nlihc.org/template/page.cfm?id=260>.

National Alliance to End Homelessness: A report on the demographics of 1.6 million Homeless Youth aged 13-17 (Ringwalt et al., 1998). presents a history of typologies of homeless youth and also suggest recommendations for further research on this population. <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/4247>.

State legislative update: Housing California's annual conference is scheduled for April 10-12, 2012 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Proposals are now being

accepted for conference workshops and pre-conference institutes. If you would like to lead a workshop or institute, please contact Julie Snyder at jsnyder@housingca.org before Dec. 7th

Governor Brown signed AB 221(Carter) which allows bond funds allocated to EHAP(Emergency Housing Assistance Program) to be used for supportive housing developments; he also signed AB483(Torres)which ensures that the state's supportive housing program serves individuals who need supportive services, particularly the chronic homeless. Brown also signed AB1111(Fletcher) which prohibits a court from garnishing wages or levying a bank account to collect fees from a person under 25 who has been issued a citation for truancy, loitering, curfew violations, or illegal lodging if the person is homeless or has no permanent address. The redevelopment suit challenging state legislation AB 26x and 27x has seven organizations supporting the state's position that eliminating redevelopment agencies is constitutional while nine organizations oppose it. A court decision is expected before Jan. 15, 2012.

Local news related to homelessness and housing...

- The city of San Diego's affordable housing parking study will be reviewed by the city council's land use and housing committee Nov. 16. The proposal calls for reduced parking requirements for affordable housing developments, especially those targeted to tenants with low, very low, or extremely low incomes...
- Sean Wherley at the San Diego Housing Federation is soliciting opinions regarding whether or not federal legislation should continue to allow exemptions for educational programs like Monarch School, which specifically target homeless students...
- The Downtown Partnership hosted a reception Monday, Oct. 17 to mark the first anniversary of the Registry Week effort last September to count and survey visible homeless on the streets of downtown. To date, of the 125 targeted for permanent housing, 68 have been placed into permanent housing and are working with service providers, 33 have been placed into temporary housing and are working with service providers to determine eligibility for permanent supportive housing, 22 remain homeless but are working with service providers...
- The county of San Diego has come under renewed criticism by food stamp advocates. The county reports an 80% spike recipients since 2009. Advocates note that callers seeking information about the food stamp program on the county call line, often hear a recording that the line is overwhelmed and they should call back later.
- The city of San Diego CDBG application process will begin Nov. 9, when FY 2013 applications will be available. Mandatory application workshops are planned the week of Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 and the application deadline is Dec. 8.
- The San Diego Housing Federation will offer a Thursday, Nov. 3 Roundtable discussion on "Opening Doors to Supportive Housing," beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the NTC Command Center. For information, contact Kelley@housingsandiego.org
- The tenth annual Homeless Deaths Vigil will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at the San Diego Rescue Mission, 201 Fir St. in downtown San Diego. Participants will process to the San Diego County Administration Building carrying shoes representing the 61 homeless individuals who died on the streets in the past year. For information, contact Debbie Krakauer at dkrakauer@sdrescue.org
- Jurisdictions might benefit from a reminder or training about the Cedillo Act as they prepare the Housing Element for submission in 2012. The Act protects the ability to

site emergency and transitional facilities in residential areas. Recently the City of Poway tried to insist that the ISN participating congregations needed a CUP in order to operate,

- Strategic Planning Reports

- ARS - Don Stump-Laurin Pause – Still challenged to find a facility in Escondido.
- Keys to Housing –Laurin Pause, Pat Leslie: There will be a Press Event at 11:00 AM on November 3rd at the City of San Diego administration building to announce the release of the Keys to Housing website. Due to the Occupy San Diego event, the specifics of the press event location is still being determined and will be distributed electronically
- Project Homeless Connect – Laurin Pause, Kathi Houck
PHC – North County will be held at Cal State San Marcos on Nov, 16th. transportation will be provided from several pick up locations. Contact Laurin Pause for more information,
PHC – Central San Diego – is planned for January 11th. Volunteers can register on the San Diego Housing Commission Website. Service providers are encouraged to participate.

- OTHER BUSINESS

- ADJOURN

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM
National University
9388 Lightwave Avenue
San Diego, CA, 92123**